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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 27 July to 2 August 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation and to drop heat flares.

27 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 90 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jabayish, Basra, Jalibah, Amarah and Busayyah.

- At 1253 hours on 27 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Zakho. It departed at 1357 hours, overflying Zakho and heading in the direction of Turkish airspace.

28 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-10,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Qal'at Salih.

29 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 82 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basrah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, and Busayyah.

30 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-9,000 m, centred on Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 64 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Artawi, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

31 July 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 31 July 1993.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, the area south of Najaf, Samawah, Amarah, and Salman.

- At 1243 hours on 31 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Qurnah, Shatrah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih and Rumaythah. It departed at 1520 hours, overflying the area south of Artawi and heading in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

1 August 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 1 August 1993.

(b) Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Sukkar and Busayyah.

2 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 69 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Amarah, Lasaf, Salman, Ushbayjah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1810 hours on 2 August 1993, a United States F-16 aircraft dropped a heat flare on the Hamdaniyah area in Ninawa governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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